

Kamayo language

Kamayo (**Kinamayo** or alternatively spelled as **Camayo**), also called **Kadi**, **Kinadi**, or **Mandaya**, is a minor Austronesian language of the central eastern coast of Mindanao in the Philippines.

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Distribution

Spoken by some areas of Surigao del Sur (the city of Bislig and the municipalities of Barobo, Hinatuan, Lingig, Tagbina, Lianga, San Agustin & Marihatag) and Davao Oriental, Kamayo varies from one municipality to another. Lingiganons are quite different from other municipalities on the way they speak the Kamayo language. *Ethnologue* also reports that Kamayo is spoken in the Agusan del Sur Province border areas, and in Davao Oriental Province between Lingig and Boston.

Dialects

Kamayo is a language widely used by the Mandayas in the Davao Oriental areas. It is closely related to Tandaganon and Surigaonon. Dialect variations are caused by mixed dialect communications such as the Cebuano language in barangays Mangagoy & Pob. Bislig. The towns of Barobo, Hinatuan, and Lingig has a distinct version spoken. A suffix is usually added in most adjectives in superlative forms; for example, the word "*gamay*" in Cebuano (English: small) is *gamayay* while the word "*dako*" (English: big) is spoken as *dako-ay* in Bislig.

Dialects are classified as North Kamayo and South Kamayo (*Ethnologue*).

Vocabulary

Common phrases

Kamayo	
Native to	Philippines
Region	Surigao del Sur and Davao Oriental
Ethnicity	Kamayo people Mandayas
Native speakers	360,000 (2000 census) ^[1]
Language family	<div>Austronesian<ul style="list-style-type: none">Malayo-Polynesian<ul style="list-style-type: none">Philippine<ul style="list-style-type: none">Central Philippine<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mansakan<ul style="list-style-type: none">Kamayo</div>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	kyk
Glottolog	kama1363 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/kama1363) ^[2]

Kamayo	Tagalog	English
<i>Adi / Ngani</i>	<i>Dito</i>	Here
<i>Ngadto</i>	<i>Doon</i>	There
<i>Ampan / Wara</i>	<i>Wala</i>	Nothing
<i>Aron</i>	<i>Meron</i>	Have
<i>Basi / Basin</i>	<i>Baka</i>	Maybe
<i>Butang</i>	<i>Lagay</i>	Put
<i>Hain</i>	<i>Saan</i>	Where
<i>Idtu</i>	<i>Ayon</i>	That
<i>Inday</i>	<i>Ewan</i>	I Don't Know
<i>Ini / Ngini</i>	<i>Ito</i>	This
<i>Itun</i>	<i>Ayan</i>	That is
<i>Kamang</i>	<i>Kuha</i>	Take
<i>Kinu</i>	<i>Kailan</i>	When
<i>Madayaw</i>	<i>Mabuti</i>	Good
<i>Maraat</i>	<i>Pangit</i>	Ugly
<i>Nanga sa</i>	<i>Bakit</i>	Why
<i>Unaan / Naan</i>	<i>Ano</i>	What
<i>Pila</i>	<i>Magkano</i>	How Much
<i>Sinu / Sin-u</i>	<i>Sino</i>	Who
<i>Tagi</i>	<i>Bigay</i>	Give
<i>Unuhon</i>	<i>Paano</i>	How
<i>Wara</i>	<i>Wala</i>	None
<i>Isu</i>	<i>Bata</i>	Child
<i>hinuod</i>	<i>Matanda</i>	Old person
<i>Irong</i>	<i>Ilong</i>	Nose
<i>Huo</i>	<i>Oo</i>	Yes
<i>Diri</i>	<i>Hindi</i>	No
<i>Bayho</i>	<i>Mukha</i>	Face
<i>Alima</i>	<i>Kamay</i>	Hand
<i>Siki</i>	<i>Paa</i>	Foot
<i>Paa</i>	<i>Hita</i>	Thigh

See also

- Languages of the Philippines

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